



Riverside General Plan Program

Cities and County Topic Group Meeting Tuesday, June 10, 2003

On Tuesday, June 10, 2003, City of Riverside Planning staff and the General Plan consultant team, led by Cotton/Bridges/Associates and MIG, held a *Cities and County* Topic Group meeting. Representatives from Riverside County and the cities of Norco, Corona, and Moreno Valley representatives were invited to participate, with Corona staff attending (Peggy Temple and Terri Manuel). Thus, the discussion centered largely around issues and commonalities between Riverside and Corona. Corona is nearing the completion of a comprehensive general plan update, and participants discussed their experience with the process with regard to potential insights and opportunities for Riverside. The comments of the attendees are provided on the following pages.

Participants discussed the recent memorandum of understanding entered into among the cities of Corona, Riverside, Moreno Valley and the County regarding design and development standards. Participants indicated that these were created in an effort to strengthen each city's position with developers relative to sites in unincorporated parts of the County.

Participants indicated that the RCIP process was a "little frustrating" in that the County did not involve cities in the process until relatively late in the program.

Participants indicated that potential opportunities for the cities of Corona and Riverside to work together might include the development of joint recreation facilities in the western part of Riverside (that would also serve Corona residents). Opportunities to bring Cities together: recreation and libraries.

Participants stated that Corona is redesignating an area northwest of Lake Matthews (Corona sphere of influence side of Lake Hills) from residential to mixed use/industrial. Although coterminous with Riverside's SOI boundary, this area is separated from Riverside's SOI area by hills; therefore, few opportunities for connections exist.

Like Riverside, Corona is trying to increase number of jobs in town and aggressively pursuing office space that Orange and Los Angeles Counties are unable to provide.

In discussing potential additional connections between the cities of Riverside and Corona, it was agreed that there should not be consideration of any roadways through the Norco Hills area. Magnolia Street was discussed as a possible connection, however.

Both Riverside and Corona are seeking commercial/industrial development that moves away from logistics, warehousing, and distribution uses. Corona stated that it was able to develop some executive housing in the southern part of town on estate-sized lots (10,000 sq. ft and up).

In discussing the cities' spheres of influence, it was agreed that it would be a good idea to indicate all of the habitat mitigation banks that are in this area.

Corona participants indicated that the City of Corona residential land is nearly built out; maybe 2,000 to 4,000 units still possible within the incorporated area.

At the Mid City Metrolink station in Corona, the City is going to try to do a mixed-use development, a concept not fully embraced by everyone.

Corona used to have an historic downtown; during urban renewal, the City took out many of its great old buildings, whereas Riverside kept most of its high-quality older buildings.

Corona is in the process of cancelling its last agricultural preserve right now. Corona will no longer have agricultural uses. Corona hasn't had the greenbelt protection issues that Riverside has faced.

Corona is full of Orange County immigrants, with many still connected to Orange County culturally. Corona was historically a bedroom community for Riverside before it became attractive to people migrating from Orange County.